

MONROE PLANK IN DANGER; OBJECTIONS BY AUSTRALIA; GIVES JAPAN GRIP ON CHINA

Experts Try to Redraft It to Prevent Applica- tion to Asia.

OUTCOME IS IN DOUBT

"Big Four," Seeing Delay Renew Suggestion of Preliminary Peace.

NEW COUNCIL IS FORMED

Foreign Ministers and Secretaries Assigned to Task of Treaty Technicalities.

By the Associated Press:
PARIS, March 28.—The Australian peace delegates have pointed out that the proposed amendment to the League of Nations covenant regarding the Monroe Doctrine, providing for recognition of the binding force of the policies heretofore applied, would validate and confirm Japanese claims to preponderance in China and the Orient.

Fear is expressed in some quarters that the opposition which has developed on this account may jeopardize the amendment. Experts are trying to find a formula that will overcome this objection, and meanwhile the amendment has been withheld from

The conditions of a preliminary peace with Germany are still being considered by President Wilson and the Premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy. The four Government heads deliberated to-day on the question of the Polish frontier, according

to the newspapers, who believe that there will be some difficulty in reaching an agreement on the principle of the annexation to Poland of territory containing two to three million Germans. The newspapers believe that the council will reach a decision sooner on the question of reparations than on the Polish question.

Will Meet Financial Delegates.
The German financial delegates will meet with the representatives of the Supreme Economic Council some time during the coming week at Compiègne, about forty miles northeast of Paris.

been created to work simultaneously with the Premiers and President Wilson but on different branches of the great technical questions involved in the peace settlement. This action has been taken in the interest of speed.

The official statement outlining today's deliberations of the new council says:

"In regard to the blockade of German-Austria, it was agreed that all restrictions on commerce should be raised in that region as soon as the

"A commission was appointed to study the removal of servitude of Morocco, established by the act of Algerias.

It is believed the council later will consider the Italian and probably the Russian question, as well as the feasibility of arranging a peace treaty to include all the belligerent nations.

The membership of each of the individual states in the Executive Council of the League of Nations, Reuter's Limited, learns, will be increased from two to three for each state to be represented in the Council.

French Demand Saar Valley.

To-day's Paris newspapers in discussing yesterday's session of the Council of Four assert that extremely important problems directly connected with Germany's future boundaries were discussed by the council in an excellent spirit of understanding. *The Petit Parisien* says it understands important results were

The Council of Four continued its examination to-day into the question of the German frontier. France claimed all her 1914 frontier and the Saar basin leaving to the German populations no included in the frontier politica

autonom. It was demanded by the French delegate that the Rhine serve France as a natural frontier, Germany having the left bank of the stream but without fortified works, troops or railways.

It was reported last night that the amendment to the League of Nations covenant urged by Leon Bourgeois, and

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FOR SINGLE TREATY
Believes This Best Plan to Get
League Ratified.
By a Staff Correspondent of THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS, March 28.—President Wilson is maintaining his attitude that there should be only one peace treaty. It was learned to-day that he had confided in friends that he did not want to take back two separate treaties. Evidently he desires

to concentrate the battle for ratification
on one instrument, which will cover every
question affecting the world's peace. Be-
hind this it is believed still to be the
idea that possibly the league plan will